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SUBJECT: Revenue Regulations Implementing Republic Act No. 8184, An Act Restructuring the Excise Tax on Petroleum Products, Amending for this Purpose Pertinent Sections of the National Internal Revenue Code, As Amended

TO : All Internal Revenue Officers and Others Concerned

SECTION 1. Scope - Pursuant to the provisions of Section 245, in relation to Section 4 of the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), as amended, these Regulations are hereby promulgated to implement the provisions of Republic Act No. 8184 amending Sections 145 and 151(a)(2) and (4), Chapter V and VII, Title VI of the NIRC, as amended, respectively, restructuring the excise tax rates on petroleum products, reclassifying of natural gas and liquefied natural gas under non-metallic minerals and quarry resources, and reducing the excise tax rate on indigenous petroleum.

SEC. 2. Definition of Terms - For purposes of these Regulations and for a more effective enforcement and collection of excise taxes, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning indicated below:

- a) "Act" - Republic Act No. 8184
- b) Automatic Oil Price Mechanism - refers to the process adopted by the Energy Regulatory Board first after full public hearings and subsequently without need of such hearings, to automatically adjust the wholesale posted price of petroleum products based on Singapore Posting and other factors and costs resulting in the formula to be adopted by the Board.
- c) Combined cycle power plant - a power station or facility which utilizes both fuel and steam to produce electrical power through the sequential use of energy, wherein the heat recovered from the exhaust gases is utilized to generate additional electricity in a separate system.
- d) Fair international market price - the equivalent of the "benchmark crude" on the date nearest to the removal of the indigenous crude. The benchmark

